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The table on the following page shows the expansion of Bulgarian co-  
operatives.

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<u>Year</u>	<u>No of Co-ops</u>	<u>Co-op Farm Land (ha)</u>	<u>Percent of Co-op Farm Land in Total Farm Land</u>	<u>Av No of Ha per Co-op</u>	<u>Total Membership</u>	<u>Av No of Ha per Member</u>	<u>Av Membership per Co-op</u>
1944	110	26,580	0.6	242	7,238	3.6	66
1945	332	146,570	3.3	384	34,362	4.2	89
1946	444	168,561	3.8	380	47,296	3.5	106
1947	537	179,212	4.0	334	48,461	3.7	90
1948(1)	1,158	335,938	7.6	290	92,594	3.6	79
1949(2)	1,563	541,000	12.3	346	146,000	3.9	93
1950(3)	1,608	550,826	14.5	336	156,483	3.5	97
1951(4)	2,603	2,173,907	43.7	826	561,612	3.2	213

(1) Data as of 1 June 1949

(2) Data as of 1 June 1949

(3) Plan for 1950

(4) Plan for 1951

In 1945 there were 5 MTS in Bulgaria; 1946, 21; 1947, 31; 1948, 71; 1949, 86; and 1950, 95. In 1945, one MTS served 76 farm workers' cooperatives; 1946, 21; 1947, 17; 1948, 16; 1949, 18; and 1950, 16.

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Of the 425 billion leva intended for capital investment by the Five-Year Plan (1949 - 1953), 17.5 percent or 74.4 billion leva are earmarked for agriculture, and of this figure 46 billion leva are earmarked for collective farming, i.e., 20 billion leva for farm workers' cooperative, 12 billion leva for machine tractor stations, and 14 billion leva for reclamation.

According to the Five-Year Plan, the cooperative sector in 1953 must own 60 percent of the total farm land, the number of farm workers' cooperatives must increase from 2,300 in 1950 (3,000 in 1951, 3,500 in 1952) to 4,000 in 1953, and there must be 150 MTS with 10,000 tractors. By the end of the Five-Year Plan, one MTS is expected to serve 27 cooperatives, and machine tractor stations are expected to own 13,000 tractor plows, 4,300 tractor sowers, 4,400 tractor binders, 5,300 threshing machines, and 100 combines. Shelter belts will be planted in all farm workers' cooperatives, especially in Dobrudzha, and livestock farms will be established.

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